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PRICE \$1 PER MONTH.

SHIPPING

NOTICES OF FIRMS

ARRIVALS.
October 3. ARRATON "ANGA", British ship, 1,392 t. B. Macfarlan, Calcutta, 17th September, Penang 24th, and Singapore 27th. General—D. SASSOON & Sons & Co., October 3. CHOCOLA, Brit. bark, 284. Kentast, Newchwang 18th Sept. Boats—Carver.

October 9. AURANOUS, British frigate, Captain E. Durrant, Nagasaki, 26th Sept. October 3. PUN-YU, Chinese steamer, 920. A. Cross, Canton 2nd October. General—C. M. S. N. Co.

October 3. UJISSEI, British steamer, 1,560. Guard, Foochow 1st October, General—BITTERFIELD & SWIRE.

NOTICE

W E beg to inform all the Shippers and the Public in general that Mr. BOB and JACK, our late Agents, have left our service, and we do not hold ourselves responsible for any transactions entered into by them or our account.

WING KEE
Hongkong, 17th May, 1878. [1m698]

NOTICE

W E beg to notify that we have commenced Business as MERCHANTS and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS under the style of Firm of DUNN, MELBY & CO.

WILLIAM EDWARD HENRY DUNN,
PETER ELIEL HELGA, MELBYE
Hongkong, October 1st, 1878. [1m698]

NOTICE

M R. NG MBI KUAN, otherwise called No. HOR MUN, is admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from 2d February, 1878.

TACK MEE HO KEE HONG,
Nos 9 and 11, Bonham Strand West
Hongkong, 30th September, 1878. [1m698]

NOTICE

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr. NG SIN FOOK, otherwise called No. HOR MUN, in our Firm CEASED from 2d February, 1878.

TACK MEE HO KEE HONG,
Nos 9 and 11, Bonham Strand West
Hongkong, 30th September, 1878. [1m698]

NOTICE

FROM the 1st of October Dr. EASTLACKE will RECEIVE his PATIENTS at the NEW DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the Medical Hall.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1878. [1m698]

NOTICE

THE Undersigned, having BECOME LESSER OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" and the BUSINESS connected therewith, will conduct the same on his own account from this date.

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX
Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TO LET.—THE GROUNDFLOOR of No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD, with Godowns underneath; Compradores and Servants' Offices. Also additional Godown accommodation if required. Immediate Possession.

Apply to TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

HIGH-CLASS HOUSE GODOWNS attached to the Elite Houses at Wan Chai. Marine Lot 68.

For further Particulars apply to MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, 22nd June, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

With Possession from the 1st November next, N. O. 8, MOSQUE TERRACE, Gas and Water laid on.

Apply to LINSTEAD & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

NO. 7, CAINE ROAD, occupied by the Hon. CHARLES SMITH.

No. 7, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

TO LET.

NO. 7, ZETLAND STREET, at present occupied by Mr. HEUBRECK.

Apply to DAVID SASOON SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

With Possession from the 1st November next, N. O. 8, MOSQUE TERRACE, Gas and Water laid on.

Apply to LINSTEAD & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

Two EXCELLENT STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS on Marine Lot No. 10, PRATA CENTRAL.

Apply to TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES in Club Chambers, THE BUNGALOW, NO. 2, SHELLY STREET.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, 20th September, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

THE UPPER STOREY of No. 50A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to THOMAS GLOVER,
No. 7, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

FLETCHERS' BUILDINGS, either an entire House, or in Flats, of Apartments, GODOWNS, STABLING, and STOAGE, of every description.

Apply to SHARF, TOLLEE, and JOHNSON, Solicitors.

Supreme Court House,
Hongkong, 26th February, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

IN THE HOUSES on Marine Lot 65, formerly known as the BLUE HOUSES, situate on Praya East.

House No. 2, Praya East. The Basement, together with First Floor or separate if desired, will be Possession on the 1st July.

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE to the Eastward of the Pier at Wan Chai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine Spacious Rooms to suit convenience. Fine Spacious Possession.

For further Particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, 16th August, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

WITH possession from 1st September THE COMMODITIES PREMISES, known as "IDEWELL" SEYMOUR ROAD, at present in the occupation of the Hon. GSO. PHILLIPPE.

Apply to LINSTEAD & Co.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

OPPOSITE CANTON STEAMSHIP WHARF, Supply Shipping with every necessary, of the Best Quality at Low Prices.

Apply to J. A. BARRETT,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1878. [1m698]

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TO LET.

LARGE BUNGALOW at KOWLOON.

Apply to J. A. BARRETT,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1878. [1m698]

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the Distribution of TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 1st OCTOBER NEXT will be adjusted by the Company, and no claim of alteration will be subsequently admitted.

J. COOK, PROPRIETOR.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

BOAT JACK & CO., SHIP COMPRADORES AND STEVEDORES.

Opposite CANTON STEAMSHIP WHARF.

Supply Shipping with every necessary, of the Best Quality at Low Prices.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1878. [1m698]

TO LET.

C. L. THEVENIN, C. WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT AND IMPORTER OF FRENCH GOODS.

Depot for VICHY WATERS and Special Agent for PIANATO'S PARISIENS and ANTOINE'S INK.

Gentlemen's Best French Boots and Shoes.

44, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

JAPAN GAZETTE, YOKOHAMA.

HAVING been appointed Agents in Hongkong and South China for the Japanese Gazette, "NISSHO SHIBUN," and "Hong Li," Orders for Subscriptions and Advertising for that Paper will be received at this Office.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE

D. ROGERS begs to announce that he intends VISITING AMYOT and FEDROW leaving Hongkong on September 15th, and returning on November 1st.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1878. [1m698]

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

JANE CRAWFORD & CO.
At 10.30 A.M. Saturday.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1878. [1m698]

BANKS

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.)

CAPITAL £500,000.

RESERVED FUND £151,550 10s. od.

PVA.

BANKERS THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

FOR 3 MONTHS 2 1/2% PER ANNUM.

FOR 6 MONTHS 3% PER ANNUM.

FOR 12 MONTHS 3 1/2% PER ANNUM.

Besides conducting general Exchange Business, the Bank Discounts Local Bills in payable in Hongkong and makes advances on approved Banking Instruments.

Present Rates of Discount

For a month 5% PER ANNUM.

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For a month

FOR SALE.

INSURANCES.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SAYLE & CO.
having received their
FIRST DELIVERY OF GOODS
for the
AUTUMN SEASON,
Solicit an Inspection of the following—
HIGH BLACK GROSGRAIN SILKS
from the Best Makers.

COLOURED GROSGRAIN and FANCY
SILKS.

PLAIN and FANCY JAPANESE SILKS
TRIMMING SILKS and SATINS.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF
FANCY DRESS MATERIALS
including the
REAL SNOWFLAKES

WOOL POPLINS,
WOOL PLAIDS,
FRENCH MERINOS
DIAGONAL REPS.

BLACK and COLOURED SILK VELVETS
and VELVETEENS.

VARIOUS WASHING FABRICS,
suitable for Autumn Wear.

SHAWLS, MANTLES
JACKETS, SKIRTS
UNDERCLOTHING, BABY LINEN.

SPECIAL "SWAN BILL" and FRENCH
CORSETS.

CHILDREN'S COSTUMES, PELISSES,
and FROCKS.

INFANTS' CASHMERE HOODS;
BONNETS, and HATS.

NEW RIBBONS, SASHES, and SAGE
RIBBONS.

FEATHERS, FLOWERS, LACES, and
LACE GOODS.

THE NEW HACKLE and other FEATHER
TRIMMINGS.

A LARGE and VARIED STOCK OF
NEW HOSIERY.

KID GLOVES will be OPENED SHORTLY.

FELT, STRAW, and PLUSH HATS,
and BONNETS.

PARIS TRIMMED HATS and BONNETS.

SPECIAL AGENTS for "THE LITTLE
WANZER" SEWING MACHINE,
Now Sold at a GREAT REDUCTION or former
Price.

DRESS MAKING

Great Care is used in this Department, which
increases in popularity with each Season.

MILLINERY by ACCOMPLISHED HANDS.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD AND STANLEY STREET.

HONGKONG;
AND AT SHANGHAI.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY

ESTABLISHED 1865.

W. M. CRUCKSHANK,
DISPENSING CHEMIST & DRUGGIST,

IMPORTER OF DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES,

PATENT MEDICINES, and TOILET
REQUISITES.

MANUFACTURER of ALL KINDS OF
AERATED WATERS.

PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY
PREPARED

in strict accordance with the Formulae of the
British Pharmacopoeia.

SHIP AND FAMILY MEDICINE CHESTS
supplied and refitted.

PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

N.B.—All business communications should be
addressed VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

F. HUTTOING S.
Esq., to announce to the Community of
Hongkong that he will be able to supply

B.E.F. M.D.T.O.N. Esq.,
from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant
him their support.

SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the
Cathedral.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1878. [156]

FOR SALE.

CUTLER PALMER'S
CELEBRATED
WINE AND COGNAC.

Price List on application.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1877. [46]

FOR SALE.

C H A M P A G N E . 1874.

HEDDICK & CO's.

M O N O P O L E .

J. DEETJEN & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1877. [112]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE and
PORTER.

DAVID COESAR & SONS'

Merchant Navy

Navy Beer

Long Flax

CANVAS.

ARNHOLD KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1877. [15]

A. H. Y. O. N.

A SHIPS COMPRADORE and
STVEDORE.

NO. 57, PRATA WEST.

SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH
PROVISIONS, and OILMANS'
STORES.

Of the Best Quality and at the Shortest Notice.

Hongkong, June 1st, 1878. [112]

TO SHIPCHANDLERS, ENGINEERS, &c.

HARRIS, GOODWIN & CO.

holders consignments of

GUN METAL BOILER FITTINGS.

JOHNSON'S CELEBRATED FILES, AXES,
SCREWDRIVERS, AUGERS, CHISELS, and
OTHER TOOLS, and CUTLERY.

RUGGS, CARPETS (BRUSSELS and TAPE-
STRY), suitable for Ships.

STORES PAINTS and OILS.

SHIPS' LAMPS.

FILTERS, TRAVELLING BUGS, &c., &c.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1878. [675]

FOR SALE.

CUTLER PALMER & CO's.

CLARETS, at \$12, \$10, \$7, \$6, \$5, and \$4 per
CASE of 1 DOZEN QUARTS.

SHERRIES, at \$10, \$8, \$6, and \$4 per
CASE of 1 DOZEN QUARTS.

CHAMPAGNE, at \$10 per CASE of 2 Dozen
QUARTS.

CHAMPAGNE, at \$12 per CASE of 1 Dozen
QUARTS.

HOCK, at \$3 per CASE of 1 Dozen QUARTS.

BRANDIES *** and ****, at \$3, \$2, \$1, \$0, and
\$10 per CASE of 1 Dozen QUARTS.

WACHTER'S CHAMPAGNE,
AS SUPPLIED TO H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF
WALES.

\$18 per Dozen QUARTS.

Dealt Price Lists on application to

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1877. [14]

INSURANCES.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Full Paid-up) ... Ths. 420,000

PERMANENT RESERVE ... Ths. 250,000

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND ... Ths. 100,000

TOTAL CAPITAL and
Accumulations to date ... Ths. 750,000

DIRECTORS

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

M. P. EVANS, Esq. C. DUGAS, Esq.

C. KELLY, Esq. W. M. MCINTYRE, Esq.

SECRETARIES

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.

LONDON BANKERS

Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co.

AGENTS IN

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World, at Current Local Rates,
subject to a Discount of 10% on Premiums.

DISCOUNT 10%.

VOGL HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1878. [45]

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned are prepared to GRANT
POLICIES AGAINST FIRE to the extent of
45,000 Dollars on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, at Current Local Rates, subject to a Discount of 10% on Premiums.

NOTIFICATION

STANDARD FILE OFFICE, LONDON.

The Undersigned having been appointed
Agents to the above Company at this Port, are
prepared to GRANT POLICIES AGAINST FIRE to the extent of \$40,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

DISCOUNT 10%.

VOGL HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1878. [40]

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES
to the extent of \$85,000 on first-class
risks at current rates.

NOTIFICATION

DEALER'S & CO.

Hongkong, 27th June, 1878. [24]

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

From this date, until further notice, a dis-
count of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the
current Local Rate of Premium will be allowed
upon Insurances effected with this Company.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

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EXTRACTS.

AN OLD FRENCH BALLAD OF TRUTHS.

Gold or silver, every day
Dies to envy.
There are banks in every skin,
Hours of work and hours of play.
Fall away
Into one another's arms,
Shallow and substance, chaff and grain,
Are as vain:
At the foam and all the spray,
Life goes crooning, faint and faint,
One refrain:
"It could always May!"

The earth to green and gray,

The sky—

Man is god-like in the main,

Though his little world away

Would remain.

If it could be always May.

You'd have time to play to May!

Flesh to clay,

Every chain to a chain,

Men may scoff and men may pray

But they may

Every pleasure with a pain,

Life may sour and fate may design

To explain

Where his pride bids and stay,

But we look the tony train.

We should gain

If it could be always May.

BY WAY.

Time, the pelorus, his cap,

Night retain,

Hat his charge would be aware,

Misering glad in every lane—

Jack with Jams!—

If it could be always May!

From the London.

THE MONEY VALUE OF A WIFE.
In Rossendale, last week, reports the Manchester *Guardian*, the "rights and titles" of a wife were hundred over by her husband, under a lease, for the sum of £5 to another man, a stone-mason, who had become enamored of the lady. About two years ago the husband and wife lived at Rawstall, when one night he came home the worse for drink, and she, to serve him out, applied a stiff mustard plaster to him while he slept. This led to a separation; she, staying at Rawstall, he going to live at various places, and finally settling at a village two miles off. The reason then offered to take the woman as "partner" and she agreed to accept him if he could arrange matters with her husband. On interviewing the husband, the man was surprised to hear that £10 was required for her. He did not think she was worth it, but ultimately they repaired to an inn, referring the matter to the arbitration of the landlord, who persuaded the husband to relinquish all claims to the wife for £5. The transaction was thus ratified.

A BLUE STOCKING PARLIAMENT.
The French Freemasons, who acknowledge the influence of women, and grant warrants of constitution to lodges where the columns are adorned with sisters instead of brethren, placed a portion of their premises at the disposal of the lady delegates, who are now discussing in Paris the rights of woman, which, to paraphrase the words of Edmund Burke, are to become "a sort of institute and digest of social anarchy." The hall on lodge road where the meetings are held has been hung round with English, Spanish, French, Italian, and Swiss flags. A table in the centre of the platform, where the Worshipful Master usually sits enthroned, has been placed for the lady president, and the two vice presidents, who are renegades of that sex against which women have now raised the standard of revolt. The posts of secretary and reporters were filled by ladies, French and American, some of the latter well known in New-York as contributors to newspapers, while one was pointed put as having been recently elected a member of the Shortland Writers' Association. The members of the congress and delegates were shut out from the audience by a barrier, and the representatives of the Paris journals were alone permitted to enter the *séances*, *séances*. More than one gay, fearless knight of the pen, who had penetrated at the risk of his personal safety into all kinds of revolutionary meetings, it was the avowed intention of his party to depreciate, quashed under the eye of his female rival as she imperiously made room for him by her side, at the reporter's table. The audience was of course essentially feminine, in its composition. Over 300 persons were present, and out of that number there were not more than five-and-twenty men. The sexes appeared to have been reversed. The ladies wore short hair; and one or two of them displayed a profanity with an eye-glass. Titillat Titmouse, Esquire, would have envied. They had military collars, neatly tied starches, deer-stalker hats, and affected the masculine style of dress which has driven our ladies from the *courtoisie* to the tailor. The French, Italian, Spanish, and English delegates—the latter half with the somewhat un-British name of *Scilla* *Venturi*—wore not very happy specimens of the "ministering angel." Revenge for the nights that man had thrust or had spurred them on. Mrs. Graham Jones, from Chicago, was an exception. No painter could have imagined a more handsome face. The lady was dressed according to the latest Paris fashion, and in costume, appearance, and language, contrasted strangely with her French and Italian colleagues. The thin, determined lips, and the cold, grey eyes made, more than one tremble for Mr. Graham Jones and wonder whether he was the man who invented the patent India-rubber rolling-pin, which would serve every purpose of house-keeping, and wrap right round the head without hurting. There were other young and pretty ladies among the audience, and in the space reserved for the delegates, but *nevertheless*, *absent* was nothing in their estimation without some *lewd* stand which would place them on an equality with their oppressor. One sister fairly shrieked as she repudiated the endearing terms man applied to the better half of creation. She was not the *toy* or idle plaything of a bearded accumulation of vanity; nor was she the slave of his house and children. She had a right to soar as high as she liked into intellectual spheres, and the quotations gave from different authors must have convinced the "half-pecked" how mean and despicable they were, for they applauded frantically. The proceedings concluded with a most humorous speech made by a vivacious French lady, who carried her audience away by enunciating the arguments egotistical man had brought forward to delay as much as possible the granting of rights which must, sooner or later, be accorded. She was a staunch partisan of social reform. In her opinion the present laws of society, with its "ministers" and customs, were absurd. We tame naked into the world, she said, and yet society considered itself superior to nature, and made us work hard to find clothes to cover our body. All these glaring paradoxes would, she said, be done away with when woman had her rights! She did not, however, require any further explanation—Globe Correspondent.

SKETCHES FROM SHADY PLACES.

SCENES IN A COMMON LODGING-HOUSE.
It is one of the better classes of these houses, that is to say, three-fourths of its tenants are hard tollers—one of those houses which has no tap of its own, but which has a plentiful supply of taverns within easy reach. Three steps from the side door, across the court, will take you into one—a spacious glaring, flaring place, with half a dozen flaunting painted waitresses; a dozen steps up the street will land you in another and quieter one, much frequented by the more calculating, "respectable" single men; while a couple of turns in a neighbouring alley will deposit you in one of those quiet out-of-the-way drinking dens which shady people delight to haunt.

The hour is about seven o'clock on any winter evening in the week. The "reading-room"—a grimy, battered apartment on the ground-floor—which may hold about fifteen persons, is thronged. What with one thing or another the atmosphere is extremely unpleasant. It requires to be hardened to the thing to spend ten minutes in such a place without sickness. The occupants are all inveterate readers. They do nothing but work, eat, sleep, and read; and the three first in subordination to the last. Reading, indeed—though I have never seen the fact noticed anywhere—is one of the darling vices of the shady classes. Its votaries, though numerous enough, are fewer certainly than the numbers devoted to any of the money-making vices, but to them it is fully as mischievous as are the unlimed drinking, gaming, &c., to any of their fellows. A passionate reader of this kind will take up anything—a sheet of advertisements, a scientific treatise, or a volume of theology however dry, and read it through—whether he comprehends it or not—in lack of material for the pledge. Whether busters is second him, and his antagonists forth to present a palpable advantage. The pair therefore are separated after a couple of rounds, and hands are shaken all round. Then it is found that the ex-tobacco man's outer garments have vanished, and with them a much of his money—as happened to one in the pockets. Search is made, but nothing is found. "Never mind now," suggests one; "they're sure to turn up to-morrow; so come along and let us finish the night." They go along accordingly, and finish the night. Next day pawnbroker for the articles lost reach the man of the broken pledge by post. In imagination he draws the rest of his savings back, and goes "on the spurs" for a week, which is just what his cronies wanted. They no longer make any secret of having taken his clothes and money during the row, looking upon the act as a capital joke; the right way indeed to serve any craven who attempts to defend good fellowship for the sneaking ways of tempest. It is baldly told that notions of these men would think of plundering a stranger. Some hours later—towards one o'clock, after the taverns have closed and shortly before lights are out at the lodging-house—all the questions being longed—a group of "readers" comes staggering up to the door. One of the noisiest of the band is a tailor from Tiptree—make that—or rather out upon oath—that he will administer "a slap in the face" to that man he shall meet in the kitchen. Bet's made that he will not, and he takes them all. Down the tot roll, some of them head-first, and the kitchen is reached. Here the first man met is one of the characters of the place—a little shrunkin' fellow—not the individual his situation; never afterwards—at least during the three years of my observation—did they get any so closely set together that they glittor like one. Once a jockey, but long ago prohibited from riding again, he is now a betting man. And not unpopular either, since when intruding on nobody, he often gives his betting friends in the house a useful "tip." He is seated on the end of a form near the fire, and receives the "slap in the face," which the tailor being a lusty knave knocked him under the gate. Thence he is plucked with his lefts about and an unpleasant look on his apish countenance, to take himself of hastily and without remark. The tailor laughs and pockets his winnings from those of his cronies who have ready money, and all roaring to go to sleep in the dark, and therefore a constant subject of quarrel. These inveterate readers live in a great measure out of the practical world, in a dream-world of their own. One of them cannot read a story without identifying himself with the hero. Hours not given to reading are spent in inventing imaginary adventures; while he is eating the man is mainly playing the part of Peter Wilkins or Robinson Crusoe; on his way to work he is deep in a stirring smuggling or piratical voyage; and at work it is his body only that tells in the merest mechanical fashion. For his spirit is involved in some wild and wonderful enterprise which never comes to an end. Their reading is an intoxication more fascinating and enduring than any other, and therefore more dangerous—and the more dangerous because in appearance it is so innocent. An incurable reader cases as having been recently elected a member of the Shorthand Writers' Association. The members of the congress and delegates were shut out from the audience by a barrier, and the representatives of the Paris journals were alone permitted to enter the *séances*, *séances*.

POISONING BY ARSENIC IN GLOVES.
In a recent number of the *Algemeine Medizinische Zeitung* there is a brief report of a case in which the symptoms of poisoning were traced to the use of gloves charged with arsenic. A gentleman, Major von B., travelling from Schleswig to Berlin, bought in Hamburg a pair of marine-blue gloves, and, on arriving in Berlin, put them on and made several visits. Soon afterwards he felt ill; he returned to Schleswig and sought medical advice. His hands were covered with a peculiar eruption, for which his physician could not account, and he had a sensation of general weakness. Reflecting on the symptoms he thought of the gloves, and communicated his suspicions to two medical men who at first laughed at them, but afterwards had the gloves submitted to chemical analysis, the result of which was the detection of a considerable quantity of arsenic in them.

A REMARKABLE ENTOMOLOGICAL COLLECTION.
Some details have reached us (*says One A Week*) concerning a large collection in entomology made by Henry Edwards, of San Francisco, during the last twenty-five years. Professor Davidson, president of the Academy of Sciences, states that this collection of insects is one of the largest ever made in the United States, and by far the most complete ever made, on the Pacific coast. It consists of about 60,000 species, comprising more than 200,000 specimens. Those include not only all the orders on the Pacific coast, but nearly or quite all in the United States, with a large representation of orders from all parts of the world. The collection is said to be really one of the most complete known in any country. It is valued at \$12,000, or rather, that is about the sum expended in freight, cabinets, and the purchase of rare specimens. The labour of twenty-five years is not estimated.

GIFFARD'S CAPTIVE BALLOON.
Nature says that the commission appointed by the French Government to test the rope used by Mr. Giffard in the construction of his captive balloon have made their experiments. The rope is conical, the heaviest end being uppermost, so that, if any breakage should take place, it will not be in the vicinity of the car, but close of the earth. The resistance of the smaller end has been found equal to 24,000 kilos of traction exerted by hydraulic pressure, and is similar than anticipated. It had been suggested by Mr. Newall to employ a wire rope of his own make, which would have had a much greater resistance with a smaller weight; but the suggestion was lost, Mr. Giffard fearing some electric discharge might ignite the gas. The commission has given its authorization to admit the public, but under the condition that the pressure should be limited to a quarter of the breaking strain, viz., 8,000 kilos. The breaking power is generally 5,000 kilos (about 12,000 lbs.). The difference left to bear the pressure of the wind will be about 5,000 kilos for a balloon whose surface is 4,110 square yards. The breaking of the rope answers to a resistance of 50,000 lbs., or about 10 lb. per square foot of surface; plane, or when very high, and need fear only a tempest. Some observations have already been made by Mr. Finsen, but in a somewhat rough manner. An announcement will be constructed in the air, and its readings will be compared with the readings of the steel yard, in which the rope is attached.

too, acting like all such people under similar circumstances, pinching himself as much as he could except in the matter of dress, and laying aside every penny possible. His boon companions know this. They have been careful to let him follow his bent until, as they consider, he has enough saved for a week's bout all round. Three or four days ago, exceeding the limit attained, they set to work to force him to break his pledge. They knew very well that the first step taken in debouch, was not the last to pains while a pauper romanced in his pocket; and so far they have neglected none of the many means employed by such people on similar occasions. "Tame, temptation, entreaty, coaxing—all have been tried by turns and in combination. At length he has given way, very reluctantly however; and determined to turn himself from the public life before spending more time in few shillings, in wrath with himself and his tormentors. He is now in fighting mood: as are two or three of his cronies; and a fight is soon arranged between him and the most forward of them. Coat and waistcoats are thrown off and the encounter takes place. It is managed with the greatest consideration for the man of the pledge. Every hostler is seconded to second him, and his antagonists forth to present a palpable advantage. The pair therefore are separated after a couple of rounds, and hands are shaken all round. Then it is found that the ex-tobacco man's outer garments have vanished, and with them a much of his money—as happened to one in the pockets. Search is made, but nothing is found. "Never mind now," suggests one; "they're sure to turn up to-morrow; so come along and let us finish the night." They go along accordingly, and finish the night. Next day pawnbroker for the articles lost reach the man of the broken pledge by post. In imagination he draws the rest of his savings back, and goes "on the spurs" for a week, which is just what his cronies wanted. They no longer make any secret of having taken his clothes and money during the row, looking upon the act as a capital joke; the right way indeed to serve any craven who attempts to defend good fellowship for the sneaking ways of tempest. It is baldly told that notions of these men would think of plundering a stranger. Some hours later—towards one o'clock, after the taverns have closed and shortly before lights are out at the lodging-house—all the questions being longed—a group of "readers" comes staggering up to the door. One of the noisiest of the band is a tailor from Tiptree—make that—or rather out upon oath—that he will administer "a slap in the face" to that man he shall meet in the kitchen. Bet's made that he will not, and he takes them all. Down the tot roll, some of them head-first, and the kitchen is reached. Here the first man met is one of the characters of the place—a little shrunkin' fellow—not the individual his situation; never afterwards—at least during the three years of my observation—did they get any so closely set together that they glittor like one. Once a jockey, but long ago prohibited from riding again, he is now a betting man. And not unpopular either, since when intruding on nobody, he often gives his betting friends in the house a useful "tip." He is seated on the end of a form near the fire, and receives the "slap in the face," which the tailor being a lusty knave knocked him under the gate. Thence he is plucked with his lefts about and an unpleasant look on his apish countenance, to take himself of hastily and without remark. The tailor laughs and pockets his winnings from those of his cronies who have ready money, and all roaring to go to sleep in the dark, and therefore a constant subject of quarrel. These inveterate readers live in a great measure out of the practical world, in a dream-world of their own. One of them cannot read a story without identifying himself with the hero. Hours not given to reading are spent in inventing imaginary adventures; while he is eating the man is mainly playing the part of Peter Wilkins or Robinson Crusoe; on his way to work he is deep in a stirring smuggling or piratical voyage; and at work it is his body only that tells in the merest mechanical fashion. For his spirit is involved in some wild and wonderful enterprise which never comes to an end. Their reading is an intoxication more fascinating and enduring than any other, and therefore more dangerous—and the more dangerous because in appearance it is so innocent. An incurable reader cases as having been recently elected a member of the Shorthand Writers' Association. The members of the congress and delegates were shut out from the audience by a barrier, and the representatives of the Paris journals were alone permitted to enter the *séances*, *séances*.

HONGKONG MARKETS.

AS EXPORTED BY CHINAMAN ON THE 2ND OCTOBER, 1878.

COTTON GOODS.
Andaman Drills, 20 yards, per piece... \$1.45 to 2.70
Assam Drills, 18 lbs., per piece... \$1.00 to 3.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 16 to 24, per 40 lbs. 24.50 to 33.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 38 to 42, per 40 lbs. 24.20 to 27.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 42 to 46, per 40 lbs. 24.20 to 27.00
Chintz, per piece... \$1.70 to 2.20
Dyed Spotted Shirtings, per piece... \$3.50 to 3.85
Dyed Damask Shirtings, per piece... \$3.50 to 3.70
English Drills, 12 lbs., per piece... \$2.50 to 2.80
English Drills, 15 lbs., per piece... \$2.50 to 2.80
Grey Shirtings, 7 lbs., per piece... \$1.42 to 1.70
Grey Shirtings, 10 lbs., per piece... \$1.65 to 1.90
Grey Shirtings, 12 lbs., per piece... \$1.65 to 1.90
Grey Shirtings, 15 lbs., per piece... \$1.65 to 1.90
Grey Shirtings, 18 lbs., per piece... \$1.65 to 1.90
Grey Shirtings, 24 lbs., per piece... \$1.65 to 1.90
Grey Shirtings, 26 lbs., per piece... \$1.65 to 1.90
White Shirtings, 5 to 60, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 60 to 90, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 90 to 120, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 120 to 150, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 150 to 180, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 180 to 210, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 210 to 240, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 240 to 270, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 270 to 300, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 300 to 330, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 330 to 360, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 360 to 400, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 400 to 440, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 440 to 480, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 480 to 520, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 520 to 560, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 560 to 600, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 600 to 640, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
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White Shirtings, 720 to 760, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 760 to 800, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 800 to 840, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
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White Shirtings, 960 to 1000, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 1000 to 1040, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
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White Shirtings, 1760 to 1800, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 1800 to 1840, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 1840 to 1880, per piece... \$1.05 to 2.10
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